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## Captain Mike Roesner drives FMSO into the 21st Century



*Captain Mike Roesner  
FMSO's Commanding Officer*

Captain Michael S. Roesner became the 24th Commanding Officer of the Navy Fleet Material Support Office (FMSO) during Change of Command ceremonies held on 2 August 2000. Prior to his current assignment, he served as NAVICP's Deputy Commander for Ships and Submarines at the Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP), Mechanicsburg, PA.

Born in Flint, Michigan, Captain Roesner enlisted in the Navy in 1969, serving in VA-44 and VF-126 before his selection for training as a Riverine Patrol Advisor. After a six-

month curriculum at Naval In-Shore Operations Training Center, Mare Island, CA, he served in various locations, primarily with the 3rd Coastal Zone Advisor Group in the Mekong River Delta, Republic of South Vietnam.

Captain Roesner earned his baccalaureate in accounting and marketing from Northern Michigan University, and was commissioned via the Aviation Officer Candidate School in August 1975. In November he transferred to the Supply Corps and completed the Basic Qualifications Course in June 1976. Captain

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*Quote from Change of  
Command Speech:*

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*"FMSO is a new race for  
me, but I'm a seasoned  
competitor...I feel we can  
delight the fans and have  
some fun in the process."*

Roesner earned his Master of Science degree from the Naval Post Graduate School in 1976. He completed the executive training curriculum at the University of Michigan in 1997.

His sea tours as a commissioned officer include: Supply Officer, Antarctic Development Squadron Six (VXE 6); Supply Officer, USS HARRY E. YARNELL (CG 17), and Supply Officer, USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70).

Captain Roesner's shore tours include: Supply Officer, Naval Air Facility, Mildenhall U.K.; Navy Stock Fund budget Officer, Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington D.C.; Defense Logistics Services Center, Battle Creek, Michigan; Force Supply, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, CA.

Captain Roesner and his wife have two sons. Both of his sons are students, one in college and the other in high school. Captain Roesner enjoys auto racing, hunting and fishing.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign/unit ribbons.

## Business Systems

### FMSO's ERP Support Underway

FMSO's support of the NAVSUP/NAVAIR Aviation Supply Chain Management/Maintenance Management ERP pilot is now fully underway. A kick-off conference for the pilot, renamed SMART (Supply Maintenance Aviation Re-engineering Team), was held in Mechanicsburg on 11-14 September. This event marked the start of the pilot's Phase II effort. RADM Lippert, Commander of NAVSUP and RADM Heilmann, Assistant Commander, NAVAIR Aviation Depots, provided opening remarks. Briefings, panel discussions, and project team meetings during the four day kickoff provided overviews of project strategies, technology to be employed, introductions of key personnel, and team roles and responsibilities.



FMSO's ERP Implementation Department, established in July, physically relocated the first 60 employees to the EDS facility in Camp Hill, PA. on September 18th. Sitting among fellow government employees from NAVSUP, NAVICP, NAVAIR, and contractors from EDS, Junot Systems, and Deloitte Consulting, FMSO is supporting a complex partnering arrangement designed to bring together the best talent available to meet the project's objectives. Blueprinting of the new business processes is underway within the four process teams: finance, supply chain, maintenance, and advanced planning and scheduling. The Reports, Interfaces, Conversion, and Extension Team has been busy mapping data requirements for the COTS products and their corresponding sources in our legacy systems. They are also refining processes and documentation to adhere to FMSO's Software Process Improvement requirements to ensure quality, timely deliverables. FMSO has others supporting the change management and training efforts, and the NAVSUP program office. Two weeks after the move, CDR Phil Candreva (FMSO's Director of the ERP Implementation Department) commented, "I'm very pleased with how quickly everyone assembled and settled into their new work environment; all of the advanced planning paid off in a smooth transition. The diverse group of government and contractor folks are beginning to team...their respective cultures are blending

well and everyone recognizes the unique talents each brings to the project."

### NAVSUP Modernizes its Financial Accounting System

The Naval Supply Systems Command and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service recently completed a project that will dramatically improve the Navy's financial accountability and control of funds used to procure equipment, supplies, and services. The new system provides faster and better access to data, improving financial management efficiency.

FMSO partnered with NAVSUP and DFAS to create, develop and incorporate two new modules for the Navy's Material Financial Control System (MFCS). These modules perform Allotment Accrual Accounting and Expenditure Processing for the \$5 billion in annual funds processed by the NAVICP for equipment, supplies, and services.



*RADM Lippert, Commander of NAVSUP, presents FMSO's Dave Cwalina with a Meritorious Civilian Service award for his MFCS efforts.*

According to Commander Doug Borrebach, the Navy's MFCS Program Manager, once the process is certified by an independent accounting agency, NAVSUP can officially declare that it has met the Congressional requirement of ensuring the system is Chief Financial Officer compliant.

The new modules, referred to as PX02/04, replaced a mainframe computer system consisting of approximately one million lines of computer code. PX02/04 is an internet-ready, flexible and secure client/server architecture that provides such key benefits as system security, expandability



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and scalability. Navy personnel also received extensive training on the new modules, enabling the operation to be self-sustaining from its inception. No outside consulting resources are required for day-to-day operations and maintenance.

### Mobile Computing

Two initiatives supporting development of strategic and tactical plans for mobile computing within the NAVSUP claimancy are underway at FMSO. Working in partnership with Gartner Consulting, FMSO is assessing mobile computing devices currently available and projected for the marketplace in the next two years. The assessment includes the identification of potential infrastructure enhancements, and modifications needed to fully incorporate these devices into our business processes. Security issues associated with these devices are key elements of the assessment. Findings and recommendations resulting from the assessment will guide the formulation of claimancy near term tactical objectives.

Complementing the mobile computing assessment is the procurement and distribution of a number of Palm devices to FMSO certified project managers and senior management. This initiative provides an opportunity for personnel to become familiar with the technology and to identify practical applications for the devices.



bandwidth. The user inputs query data on the Palm, a server-side program processes the input, and Palm displays the formatted results. The Palm/VMSIR stock check application was completed in less than four weeks.

Based on the success of the VMSIR-to-Palm Project, the RAPD team expects to see more PDA development in the future.

### TRIDENT LDS

#### TRIDENT Team Concludes Successful Site Visit



A FMSO team concluded a successful site visit to the Ship Repair Facility (SRF) in Yokosuka, Japan in August. Mike Hardebeck, Head of the Systems Analysis Branch at the SRF, characterized the visit as “a tremendous success” and thanked the participants “for a job well done.”

SRF is a user of the Command Resource Management Module (CRMM), a subsystem of the TRIDENT Logistics Data System (LDS) that tracks labor usage and creates Time and Attendance transactions for the Defense Civilian Payroll System. SRF uses CRMM to manage the payroll records for approximately 2,000 Japanese Master Labor Contract employees.

During the visit, the team provided the SRF with application support, and a wide range of environmental support services. Requests for a number of application enhancements were discussed, and given preliminary evaluations.

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### RAPD Team Brings VMSIR-to-Palm



In July, FMSO's Rapid Application Prototype Design (RAPD) team completed the

first successful wireless stock check of the VMSIR database using a Palm VII. This innovative application, employs a combination of the Palm VII's built-in wireless capability and server-side Java. VMSIR-to-Palm is the first business application linked to a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) by FMSO.

Seeing a benefit to having real-time logistic data available in the “palm” of your hand, the team built their application employing Palm's Web Clipping query and response technology. Web Clipping is Palm's answer to retrieving and displaying data from the Internet on handheld devices that have limited screen size and



*The Ship Repair Facility (SRF), Yokosuka Japan.*



## STARS Field Level Conference

### FMSO



### DFAS

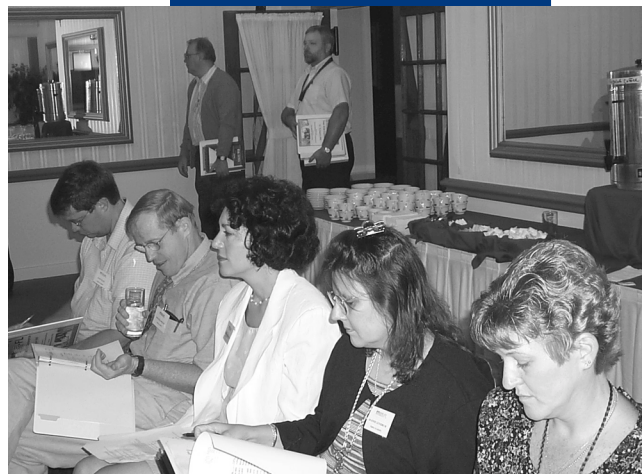


## STARS Field Level Conference

In August, FMSO hosted the eighth annual Standard Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) Field Level (FL) Year End Conference in Mechanicsburg, PA. STARS-FL is a general funds accounting system, operating in the STARS environment. It is integrated with both the STARS Headquarters Claimant Module and the STARS One Pay entitlement and disbursing systems. Representatives from the Navy Financial Management Office, Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) Cleveland Project Office, Operating Locations (OPLOCs), DFAS Pacific, DFAS Japan, NAS Keflavik, and various Navy major claimants met to discuss year-end close procedures, current and future STARS Field Level initiatives, and to share ideas.

Welcoming remarks by FMSO's STARS Project Officer, LCDR Mike Kolster, encouraged active participation and information sharing. Mr. Mel Becker, head of the STARS Accounting Division at DFAS Cleveland (DFAS-CL), provided opening remarks and a short overview on STARS initiatives. Ron Murlin and Bob Pritchard from DFAS-CL provided briefings on Centralized Scheduling and INFOPAC Consolidations respectively.

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### DFAS San Diego



## ***STARS Field Level Conference (cont)...***

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**Conference Registration**

**DFAS Charleston**



**NCTC & DFAS Pensacola**

**DFAS Norfolk & DFAS-CL**



**CNET DFAS Pacific & DFAS Japan**



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### TRIDENT Team Concludes Successful Site Visit (continued from page 3)

The trip was deemed a success by all participants. From the SRF's point of view, FMSO personnel provided vital system support services. From FMSO's point of view, our folks had the opportunity of seeing the fruits of their labor working in a production environment. We now have a better appreciation of the daily challenges experienced by the SRF in support of U.S. Navy operations. SRF Yokosuka has the lowest man-day labor rate in the world for maintaining operational readiness of U.S. Navy ships. They attribute this to a motivated and well trained workforce supported by good IT support systems with LDS CRMM playing a key role!



*FMSO's TRIDENT support team: Neil Rensch, Scott Scholl, and John Rossi.*

### BASS Installation Continues at FISCs

The Business Administration Support Suite (BASS) Resource Directory was installed at FISC Norfolk in September. FISC Norfolk has been serving as a BASS preliminary implementation site since this spring. The Resource Directory is the cornerstone for the BASS suite of modules which provide an enterprise view of personnel, position, facility, and general business information. The NAVSUP/FMSO team has been providing briefings and demonstrations to claimancy activities to explain the scope and capabilities of the BASS suite and schedule implementations. Hardware supporting the BASS suite is now in place at FISC San Diego and has been ordered for FISC Jacksonville. Installation of BASS Resource Directories at activities can provide the basis for a claimancy Enterprise Resource Directory supporting Knowledge Management goals at the corporate level. For information on BASS capabilities and scope, contact our POC: [george\\_h\\_karnes@fms0.navy.mil](mailto:george_h_karnes@fms0.navy.mil), or call DSN: 430-7732, COM: 717-605-7732.

## What's Happening

### Web PTR/PCR Status ...Coming Soon

Want to know the current status of a Program Trouble Report (PTR) or Program Change Request (PCR), or review a listing of open PTRs or PCRs? You will soon be able to access this information directly from the FMSO web site at [www.fms0.navy.mil](http://www.fms0.navy.mil).

Efforts are underway to provide users the capability to access PTR information by: PTR number, activity UIC, system priority, status, date received, or program number; and PCR information by: project number, activity UIC, status, or by system. Information will include actual and estimated completion dates. Distribution of PTR and PCR quarterly hardcopy reports will be discontinued once the web access capability is implemented. If you have questions or would like more information regarding this application, contact our POC: [robert\\_frazier@fms0.navy.mil](mailto:robert_frazier@fms0.navy.mil) or call DSN: 430-5558, COM: 717-605-5558. Look for additional information in upcoming issues of our newsletter.

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